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Space Planning [REDACTED]

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1. [REDACTED] visited the potential space on 23 December. The space consists of a first floor with an estimated area of approximately 2,000 square feet and a basement area which we might possibly acquire for an additional 750 square feet. The first floor space (of which floor plans are being sent to us by GAO) has a mezzanine at the present time of temporary construction. The actual ceiling height I estimate at approximately 16 ft. There are several pillars with a spacing of approximately 15 ft. in the center of the area. Access from the street and to a heavy duty elevator is exceptionally good. The construction is of reinforced concrete and masonry of about 100 lbs. per sq. ft. floor loading. It is relatively vibration free especially the basement area which is some 12 ft. below grade.

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2. I estimate that it will take from \$20,000 to \$30,000 to recondition this area for our use. This includes tearing out the temporary mezzanine that now occupies about two-thirds of the main area on the first floor. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Access to the second floor and to the basement must be accounted for for fire evacuation purposes, etc.

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3. It would be desirable to keep any space which we would intent to use completely separate from the existing facilities and personnel. If our plans progress as we anticipate now, approximately half of the first floor area would be made into a two floor storage space by employing an expanded steel decking about 8 ft. above the existing concrete floor. This would be ideal to store some of our expensive instrumentation, projectors, chemical stocks, etc. on a standby basis. The basement properly cleared and conditioned would be ideal to set up the 6 inch photogrammetric instrumentation which we must have available at all times but use only occasionally.

[REDACTED] The remaining first floor space would be an ideal setting to use by the FMA group to build the breadboard PI Cell unhampered by the security restrictions of this building. Access for contractor type personnel in the experimental phase of this project would be facilitated considerably using this space, especially as it is convenient to the project monitor personnel located in the Stuart Building.

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4. This is a preliminary planning document indicating the feasibility of utilizing the projected space for PIC purposes.

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